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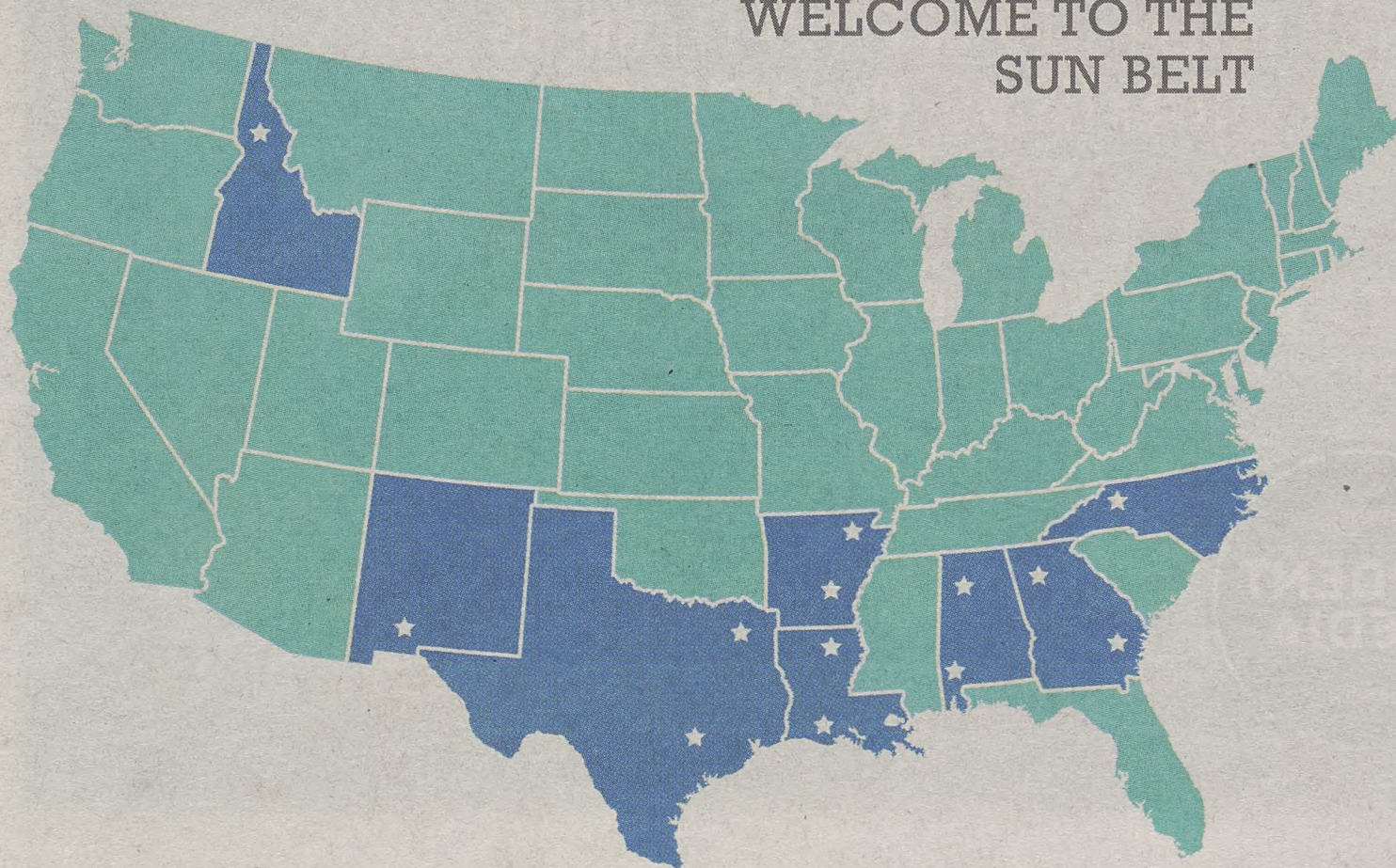


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KEEPING UP WITH GOD ON CAMPUS

BY NADIA DREID

The George-Anne staff

Tom Hutchison spent more than 10 years praying God would heal him of his depression. Raised a Southern Baptist, he became more religious the worse his depression became. He was sure the cure would have to come from on high.

"It wasn't until I got out of the Navy and started going to college that I actually realized that depression is a disorder," Hutchison said. "It's not spiritual warfare, it's not something that can usually be healed by praying."

After this realization, Hutchison's belief in God changed.

"I had a realization that I'd spent years, over a decade of my life, praying and asking God to help me and I was never helped," Hutchison said. "But when I went on my own and sought treatment . . . I kind of realized we don't always need God to save us."

Hutchison's treatment for depression was helped along by a book on mindfulness meditation.

"Then I found out mindfulness meditation is actually based in Buddhist practice, Buddhist philosophy and Buddhist meditation," Hutchison said.

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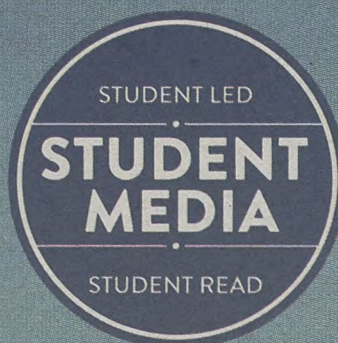
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MONDAY 8.18.2014

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Homecoming Information Packet & Registration Forms Available

8:00am

Interested in participating in the 2014 Homecoming Week? Visit our website for details on events!
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THURSDAY 8.21.2014

FRIDAY 8.22.2014

Office of Student Activities/UPB

Annual Student Org Renewal Workshop (makeup session)

3:30pm Russell Union Room: 2047

Did your organization miss the renewal workshops in April? Attend this makeup session for another chance at regaining your active status for the 2014-2015 academic year! Please note: Space is extremely limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis only
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Maleficent (movie)

6:00pm and 8:00pm Russell Union Theater

A 2014 American fantasy film directed by Robert Stromberg from a screenplay by Linda Woolverton. Starring Angelina Jolie as the eponymous Disney villainess character, the film is a live-action re-imagining of Walt Disney's 1959 animated film Sleeping Beauty, and portrays the story from the perspective of the antagonist, Maleficent.

SATURDAY 8.23.2014

Step Into Statesboro

Tours leave the Russell Union at 9am and 10am

Step Into Statesboro is an introduction to downtown Statesboro, the Farmer's Market, and important local hot spots and resources. It includes a loosely guided walking tour, short bus tour, introductions to community agencies, and time to explore or shop at the Farmer's Market. Register online.

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SUNDAY 8.24.2014

MONDAY 8.25.2014

TUESDAY 8.26.2014

Office of Student Activities/UPB

Fall 2014 Boro Browse

11:00am-2:00pm Russell Union

New to campus? Come out and "browse the 'Boro" in one stop! The 'Boro Browse is an interactive event that allows local businesses and Georgia Southern University departments to promote their services and build relationships with new and returning students. The event also provides a way to learn about available job opportunities with Georgia Southern University students.

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Homecoming 2014 Captain's Meeting (option 1)

6:00pm

Russell Union Room: 2041

Is your student organization interested in participating in the Homecoming 2014 week!? At least two of your student organization's primary student leaders must select one Captain's Meeting to attend.

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WEDNESDAY 8.27.2014

Fall 2014 Student Organization Fair

11:00am-2:00pm Russell Union

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Homecoming 2014 Captain's Meeting (option 2)

7:30pm Russell Union Room: 2041

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JAMES WOODALL
Vice President of NAACP

Black men deserve respect

Living in a world that doesn't recognize me for who I am, that's sad. Believing in leaders that only see me and my brothers as a danger to the community, uneducated and ignorant, or both, is disheartening. Knowing that we all are aware of it, yet we choose to simply look the other way, is enraging. This is the state of the black man in this country.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, one out of every three black men are expected to be in prison at some point in their life. Why is that? Is it because of the senseless discrimination and racial profiling made by some of our local authorities because we are seen as a potential threat? Is it because we are of color? Questions that need to be asked and answered.

Black men today are becoming more college-educated. More black men are "waking up". Though many of us, including myself, come from broken households without a father to look up to and grow from, we too

have potential for greatness. We, too, deserve to be given equal treatment, due process of the law, and respect. Not all black men are abandoning their family. Not all black men are doing drugs. Not all black men are in gangs or thugs. Some of us have a recognized purpose and vision for our lives and are prepared to make that vision reality. We are leaders and we also seek to make this world a better place.

However, the reality is that we are automatically categorized as black, unintelligent, and essentially less capable of doing much of anything because of how we look, before a single word or idea flows from our mouths. But my brothers and I are confident and prepared to challenge such perceptions and show you the true state of the black man. Now you just have to be willing to be challenged, or you become a part of the problem. "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." (Dr. Martin L. King)

Mixing up styles: Turning the page for the George-Anne

Hey. You with the bro tank, Chacos and plastic wayfarers from your apartment complex. You have a minute?

You probably remember or, in most cases, have heard of the trials and tribulations The George-Anne has faced during the last four or five years. If you're elderly, you might have been here when the infamous GTSNP opinion column printed (if the acronym is foreign to you, Google it).

You've probably giggled over misspellings on the front page and hilariously simple errors made all over the paper and all sorts of silly shenanigans we messed up on over the past few years. If you were quick, you might have noticed we mistakenly changed former Statesboro Governor Joe Brannen's name to Joe Brannan in our paper.

Anyway, the point is that we make errors here, there and everywhere and sometimes we make decisions that are less than ideal. That is because we, like you, Mr. (or Mrs.)

Happy Hour, are students.

The cool thing about being like you is having the ability to think like you. We don't like to read 500 words of quotes stacked on top of each other with one photo slapped on to the side of the page. We don't like reading stories that are made a bigger deal than they actually are, and we don't like reading stories that minimize the effect an issue may have on our community.

We picked up our papers from the last few years and gave them a good read-through and realized something incredibly obvious that made us feel a little silly.

Bar some exceptions, the way we were bringing you news was not a style that was conducive to understanding a complex issue, peaking your interest or purely entertaining you. Listen, if we get bored reading our own paper, then we know you're using it as either a placemat for lunch or a good way to get your bonfire going.



WILLIAM PRICE
The George-Anne, Editor-in-Chief

So this year our aim is to create a publication that is tailored to you, the Georgia Southern student. We're going to cut the fat off big topics and break down the things you need to know while answering the questions you're asking. We're going to deliver breaking news across campus in a fast and reliable way and present you with the facts you need to know. We're going to rattle out some wicked feature stories covering anything and everything under the blazing Georgia Southern sun. We're going to pull our best Bruce Lee impression and be like the water to your cup. . . or something really deep and thought-provoking like that.

Thanks for reading,

-Will P.

Your opinions and views add value to Southern



ERINN WILLIAMS
The George-Anne

So right now I'm an opinions editor, in an opinions section, writing an opinions piece about opinions. Yep, I'm providing you with your daily dose of inception.

But why am I even taking the time

to do this? I mean, technically, I can write about my views on any subject that I want to, but I think it is a good idea to let people know about the value of opinions.

I think it is extremely important to express your beliefs no matter what they may be because your unique take on life is vital to shaping the world around you.

So what if you think unconventionally and the opinions you hold dear aren't mainstream? Who cares what the public opinion is? In the past it was public opinion that women were incompetent but

look how wrong that was.

I believe that, as a generation, we truly have the tools to have our voices heard. We should take every chance to be heard. One of the biggest opportunities for you to have to share your views here is at The George-Anne. All you have to do is send an email and your voice can be heard by the entire campus.

Do you know how much of an extraordinary opportunity that is? All across the world people are dying for the right to be heard, to express themselves. They want to feel as if, somewhere in this planet of over 7

billion, their feelings are validated and that opportunity is at your fingertips with the click of a mouse.

I want you to know that you have a place that welcomes the crazy things that pop in your mind while trying to pay attention in a biology lecture, to the well-thought-out questions that you have never dared to ask.

I want this section to be filled with views from the GSU community from every walk of life, every race, religion and class standing. I want columns and letters to the editor from the custodial worker who is tired of having to clean up students'

vomit after they've had a night of debauchery at the bars, to the students who feel the book prices are too damn high, to the professor who is tired of having people fall asleep in their class, to every thing in between.

All of the voices of Georgia Southern are relevant. All of the people are relevant. All of the experiences we have here are relevant.

So the next time that you feel some type of way about anything going on around here, this is the place to share it.

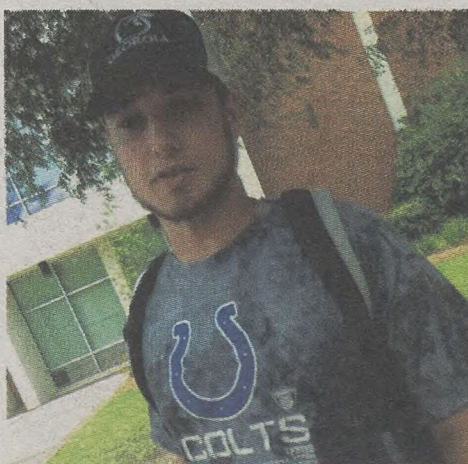
Your View

Students discuss their views on the smoking ban.

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The George-Anne Staff



"I don't see the problem with tobacco just as long as it's not in the building. They should have to designate areas so that it seems controlled, so I don't really understand why they're taking it away," Sydney Busby, freshman sociology major, said.



"It does not bother me because I don't smoke. I have family that smokes so walking behind somebody never really bothers me," Nic Woods, junior construction major, said.



"I personally agree with it to an extent. I feel like there should be areas where it is allowed but as far as walking down the main part of campus, I'm one of those people who the smell of it will even give me a headache, so I support it," Avery Barrett, junior marketing and sales management major, said.



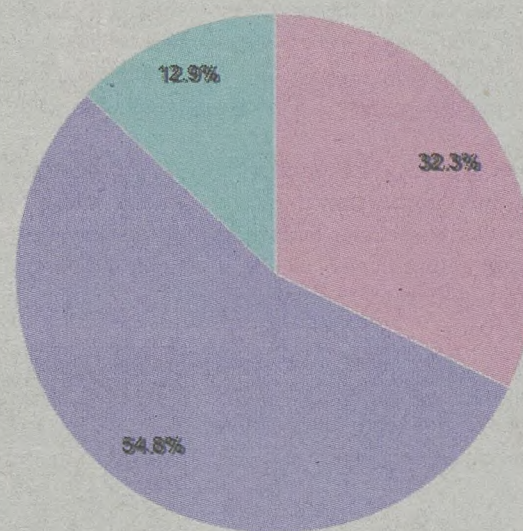
"Well, I like the fact that there's no smoking because I don't like the smell and everything but I think that there's going to be a mess since there won't be anywhere to put them, so I think that may become an even bigger problem," Jessica Barnwell, junior early childhood education major, said.

Letter to the Editor

Given the shooting fatality last week just down the road from the new shooting center and the new campus tobacco free policy, I hope George-Anne reporters will help answer a few questions. Can we smoke in our cars in the on campus parking lots? We can have small arsenals of people guns in our cars on our "gun free" campus, so doesn't that mean we can smoke there too? Just how many guns are on campus in our parking lots is something that would be interesting to know -and what kind of guns they are too. This isn't a mental health issue as many countries have similar mental health problems per capita, but the U.S. is alone with gun deaths per capita.

-Dr. Gregory Brock, Professor of Economics

What You Voted



Students were asked how they thought the university should handle tobacco use on campus.

A poll was taken on how they viewed:

- Campus-wide tobacco ban
- Designated smoking zones
- No official policy

Answer

Votes

Campus-wide tobacco ban

32.3% / 20

Designated smoking zones

54.8% / 34

No official policy

12.9% / 8

Total votes: 62

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to letters@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length. Opinions expressed herein are those of the Board of Opinions or

columnists themselves and DO NOT necessarily reflect those of the faculty, staff, or administration of GSU, the Student Media Advisory Board, Student Media or the University System of Georgia.

Keeping up with God on campus

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Now he classifies himself an agnostic/Buddhist, though Hutchison admits he adheres to Buddhism as a philosophy more than a belief system.

Now a first year graduate student in Georgia Southern's doctor of psychology program, Hutchison has not found it hard to maintain his religious identity on campus.

"I think it's easy for me because I actually get kind of stubborn," Hutchison said. "But I can see where it would be really difficult for a lot of people, especially those who identify as nonreligious or something other than Christian, because there's such a large Christian population here."

However, for Christy Hines, attending college in the Bible Belt did not make maintaining her Christian convictions any easier. A nontraditional student, she struggled to find her place in Christian campus life.

"I was not accepted at all. I tried to go to some of the youth groups, but I'm not a youth, so it's hard for me," Hines said. "I've taken a different route that's not very religious."

Though Hines tried to maintain her religious identity, she said that her need for acceptance often led to her going outside of her comfort zone to make friends.

"I find myself drinking and partying more. My house is always an open place for people to come and hang out and drink," Hines said. "There are things that I do in my life and things that I talk about that have changed dramatically since I've been coming to school."

Hines said that the change in her behavior has even trickled

down to her speech.

"You know how medical people talk in medical speak? Christians, Muslims, Jews, they all have a way that they speak to people, about people," Hines said. "That's how I used to talk."

Now she doesn't talk about religion at all, for fear that her friends will judge her. One of the things that Hines struggles with most is that as an older student, she feels more responsible for her behavior.

"The bad thing is that I'm aware of what I'm doing," Hines said. "I feel so bad about it the next day. I'm like 'You could have been a light to these kids, and I'm not a light to people anymore.'"

Hines said that although she is trying, she is unsure how to regain the spirituality she once had while still maintaining her social life – but she would not urge others to take her path.

"Don't lose who you are," Hines said. "If you have religious convictions, don't falter away from them because somebody says it's not cool."

For Laila Abdi, it's not about being cool as much as being alone.

A junior multimedia production and film major, she was raised in a practicing Muslim family near Atlanta, where there is a large and thriving Muslim population. Coming to Statesboro, where the number of Muslims is much smaller, made for a different environment.

"Coming to college, my belief in my religion didn't change," Abdi said. "But the more I was around people who weren't like me, I tended to forget. My practice changed."

Once she realized she was drifting away from her spirituality, Abdi did her best to pull herself back, by reading the Qur'an more often and attending Friday prayers at the mosque. However, there are far less resources available for Muslims in Statesboro, no fellowship groups or regular on-campus meetings.

"When you're driving throughout Statesboro, you see churches on almost every road," Abdi said. "You don't often see a mosque or any other type of religious temple."

Still, Abdi does the best with what she has. It can be difficult to maintain her religious identity among the temptations of college, but she tries to take it all in stride.

"It's not as hard as it seems," Abdi said. "Just know that everything around you currently is super temporary."



LOST THEIR RELIGION?

The Secular Student Alliance provides a sense of community for Georgia Southern students who don't believe in a higher power.

"It's really tough, especially in the South," Alex Robinson, the organization's vice president, said. "Some people who question their religion or are full-out atheists don't really know that there's a lot of us out here."

In fact, nonbelievers of all types are on the rise. A 2012 Pew Research poll found that nearly six percent of Americans identified as atheist or agnostic. An even larger 14 percent of the American public classified themselves as having no religious affiliation.

It can be difficult for atheist and agnostic students to be understood by their peers, Robinson said.

"You know, a lot of people think atheists are Satanists," Robinson said. "Which makes no sense. You know, the cliché 'people are afraid of the unknown' seems kind of true."

Which is why the organization encourages people of all beliefs (or lack thereof) to attend a meeting and see what the group is about.

The Secular Student Alliance meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Union, room 2084.

Repackaging Health Services

BY CIERRA BAXTER

The George-Anne staff

After building an awe-inspiring new stadium, two beautiful dining facilities, and a bold, sassy new IT store, what is next in Georgia Southern University's bag of tricks? With a grant of \$10 million, the Health Services expansion is their next new exciting project and will be coming to the University in January 2016.

What's New:

The Health Services building is not only being revamped but is also being relocated. The new building will be moved from Forest Drive to the corner of Chandler Road and Plant Drive. The new location allows the building to be within walking distance from all the residence halls in addition to being easily accessible from the parking lot and the shuttle routes.

A Need to Grow:

The current Health Services building was built in 1976 for a prospective population of about 8,000 students. With a population that boasts a little more than 20,000 students presently, GSU exceeded those initial numbers years ago and the

growth has put a burden on Health Services.

"Right now we're not able to see as many patients that want to be seen," said Eddie Mills, vice president of Auxiliary Services. "With the expansion, we hope we can just go back to being a regular walk in type clinic so that whoever walks in can get seen that same day without having to stick to the appointment so much."

More on-campus care:

Not only does the expansion project allow more students to be seen on a given day, it also creates the opportunity to offer a variety of services. For example, physical therapy will now be offered through Health Services while before, they were sent somewhere else.

Specialized care:

Athletes like Terrance Williams, a sophomore sports management major, also believes the new health building will be a tremendous help.

"The RAC is always usually busy and you have to wait about 30 minutes to get assisted, and I feel like the new building will help out a lot of athletes with assistance," Williams said.

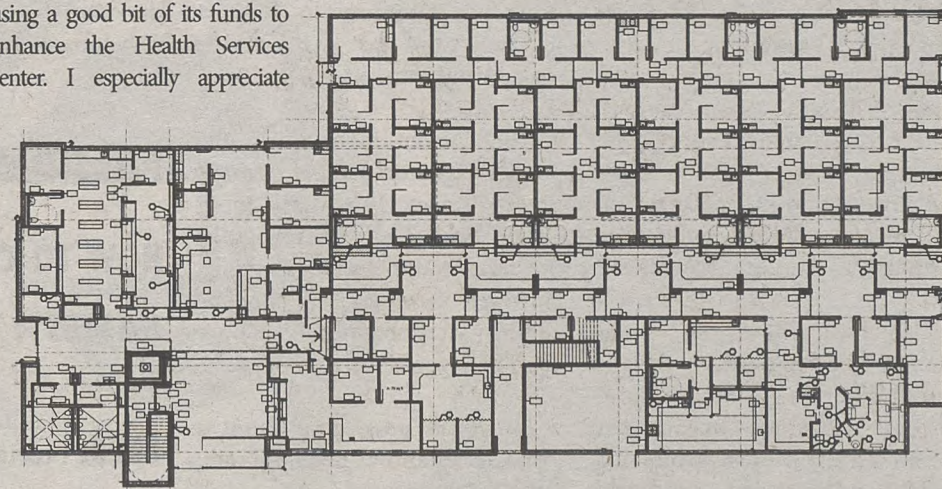
The building will also have a second floor with an

independent area for women's health. Lastly, eye care and counseling will also be moved to the new Health Services building. This allows all medical services to be available to students from one easily accessible location. The services that will be offered and the type of insurance that will be accepted will also be expanded upon.

"I'm delighted that GSU is using a good bit of its funds to enhance the Health Services center. I especially appreciate

the upgrade, especially for the women. I feel like hopefully an upgrade in the health center will increase the amount of visitors," Mahogany Chambers, senior psychology major, said.

"It'll take probably a year for that building to get completed. We're looking forward to it. We've been in a cramped facility for a long time," Mills said.



The new building will expand from the current 16,000 square foot to 38,000 square feet

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EAGLE SMASH TAKES GAMING TO A NEW LEVEL

BY MICHELLE NORSWORTHY

The George-Anne staff

What do you get when you combine Georgia Southern and Super Smash Bros? Eagle Smash, that's what.

According to its president, senior electrical engineering major Sai Hobbs, Eagle Smash is the newest gaming organization to hit our campus and takes ordinary gaming to a new level.

"It's basically a big group of sparring partners," Bryant Brumbill of Eagle Smash said. The organization began last spring as an interest group for fighting games and has recently been officially recognized by

the university.

Despite its newness, Eagle Smash strives to create a community atmosphere. "Anytime you do anything, you need a community to support it. You can't do anything by yourself," Hobbs said.

The current focus is on the popular games "Super Smash Bros. Project M" and "Super Smash Bros. Melee", from which the organization derives its name. However, members will soon be adding "Street Fighter 4" and are open to suggestions.

"If you're passionate about a game, let us know," Brumbill said. "We want to expand."

Both passion and competition play vital roles in Eagle Smash's tournaments and their goal is to create the most skilled collection of gamers. "If you want to improve the most, you have to have the best competition," Hobbs said.

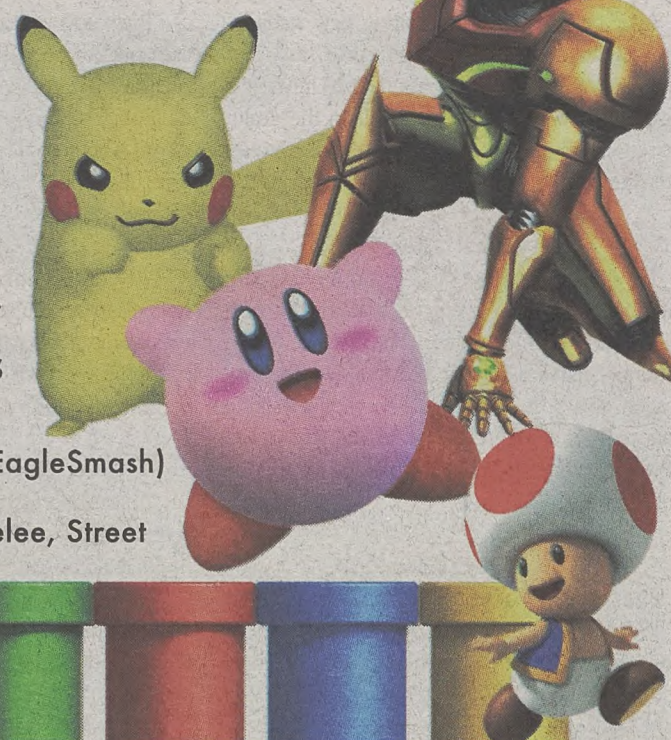
*Open to other games.

PRESIDENT: Esaias Hobbs

HOW TO CONTACT: Facebook (EagleSmash)

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FEES: None **CO-ED:** Yes



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STUFF TO DO IN THE 'BORO

BY ALIA LEWIS

THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

Statesboro has been given the rep of being incredibly boring off campus. However, there are a multitude of off campus events available for students, ranging from live bands to farmers market's. Check out the fun-filled things to do this month in the Boro.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

9 p.m.- Open Mike Night @ Loco's Grill and Pub

9:30 p.m.- Karaoke @ Applebees

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

6 p.m.- Trivia @ Gata Sports Bar and Grille

6:30 p.m.- Karaoke @ El Sombre Restaurant

9 p.m.- DJ and Karaoke @ Gnat's Landing at Statesboro



FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.- Mainstreet Farmers Market @ Sea Island Bank

9 p.m.- Live Band @ Gata Sports Bar and Grille

9 p.m.- Live Music at Loco's Grill and Pub

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

9 p.m.- Live Band @ Gata Sports Bar and Grille



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.- Mainstreet Farmers Market @ Sea Island Bank

9 p.m.- Live Music at Loco's Grill and Pub

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

4 p.m.- 4th Annual Flow Rider Competition @ Splash In The Boro

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

9 p.m.- DJ & Karaoke @ Knat's Landing of Statesboro

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

7:30 p.m.- GSU Faculty Ives Concert @ Foy Building

9 p.m.- Live Music @ Locos Grill and Pub

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

9 a.m.- Mainstreet Farmers Market @ Sea Island Bank

6 p.m.- Sordid Live Auditions @ Averitt Center for the Arts

6 p.m.- Planetarium Public Viewing @ Math/Physics Building

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

9 a.m.- Sordid Live Auditions @ Averitt Center for the Arts

9 a.m.- Mainstreet Farmers Market @ Sea Island Bank

9 a.m.- Willow Hill School Historic Marker Dedication @ Willow Hill School

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

1 p.m.- Willow Hill School Gospel Extravaganza @ Willow Hill School

*events shown from Visit Statesboro calendar



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THE CURTAIN RISES ON A NEW THEATRE SEASON

BY KENNETH LEE
THE GEORGE-ANNE

THE CENTER FOR ARTS AND THEATRE

(CAT) has a number of dramas and comedies in its theatrical arsenal to perform this year. You might find yourself laughing like a hyena from one of the comedies or enthralled by a tragedy.

RACE: A PLAY BY DAVID MAMET (DRAMA)

Directed by Lisa L. Abbott. Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 Black Box Theatre
"Race," like its name implies, does not shy away from the sometimes uncomfortable, sometimes unspoken subject of race

METAMORPHOSES BY MARY ZIMMERMAN (DRAMA)

Directed by Lisa L. Abbott. March 4 - 11 Black Box Theatre
Adapted from the stories of the Roman poet Ovid, "Metamorphoses" is a collage of short Greek myths collectively touching on the themes of transformation and change.

THE MOUNTAINTOP BY HATORI HALL (DRAMA)

Directed by Nicholas Newell. April 8 - 15 Black Box Theatre
"The Mountaintop" asks questions about what happened on the night before Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination and provides a fictional but gripping answer.

ALMOST MAINE BY JOHN CARIANI (COMEDY)

Performances 7:30 p.m. Oct. 16 - 18
Sanford Hall Performance Space Room 1002

An exploration of love and loss. Audience members will be able to witness several residents of the remote town of Almost, Maine fall in love, and then watch as their hearts break.

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR BY NIKOLAI GOGOL, ADAPTED BY JEFFERY HATCHER (COMEDY)

Directed by Nicholas Newell. Nov. 12 - 19 Black Box Theatre
Hilarity ensues when a goofy gambler is mistakenly identified as an incognito government inspector by the leaders of a small corrupt town.

Ticket prices: \$5 per student, \$10 for faculty.

THE AVERITT CENTER FOR THE ARTS, which is located on 33 East Main St., is also hosting several plays this season.

SORDID LIVES (COMEDY)

Directed by Gage Cook. Nov. 7 - 8 at 7:30 p.m. & Nov. 9 at 2:00 p.m.
In this comedic melodrama filled with infidelity and country-western music, a trio of siblings must hide and deal with numerous issues during their dead sister's funeral.



Ticket prices:

Friends of the Arts: \$12 adult \$10 youth \$14 box

Non-Members: \$13 adult \$10 youth \$15 box

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET (COMEDY)

Directed by Helen Rosengart. Dec. 11 - 13 at 7:30 p.m. & Dec. 14 at 2:00 p.m.

When a man claims to be the real Santa Claus, love spreads like an epidemic throughout New York City.

Ticket prices:

Friends of the Arts: \$13 adult \$10 youth \$15 box

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Jan. 31, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Touching on the themes of racism and injustice, this play, based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, follows six-year old Scout as she witness her father defend a black man accused of raping a white woman.

Ticket prices:

Friends of the Arts: \$20 adult \$10 youth \$23 box

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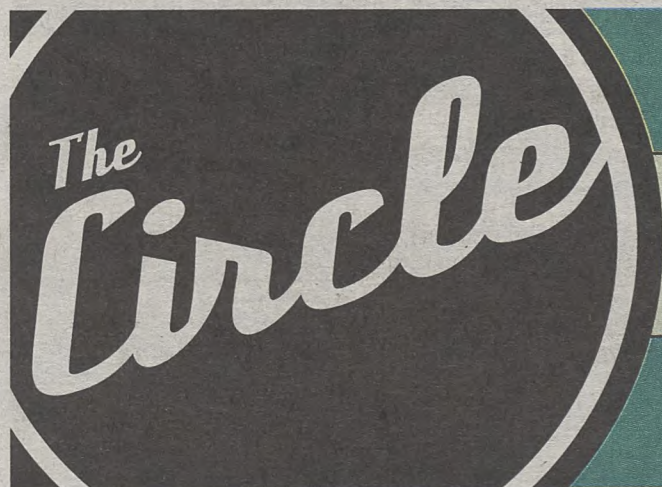
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IT'S NOT BAD



BY WILLIAM PRICE
The George Anne Staff

...For The Boro

If you've been on campus for more than a week it's fair to say you've heard this phrase a few times. It's peculiar, right? Since, our university houses students from all across the United States and over 80 countries around the world, you'd think all of that diversity (and money) would drive a robust, local, fresh restaurant and food scene.

But it doesn't.

Of course there are exceptions but the majority of major food establishments are national chains or commercial operations. Now, is that really a problem? Maybe not. One thing is clear about a food selection dominated by massive chain spots, and that is little support of local proprietors and businesspeople.

Luckily for us and Statesboro, according to the smart fellas you'll see below and in the many humble

opinions of restaurant-goers around the Boro, times are a changin'.

Since I scuddled down to good ole Statesboro, Ga., I've had the pleasure of seeing a splurge of new restaurants come up. Here are a few spots that have opened up since the start of my college career:

40 East Grill, South & Vine Public House, Orchid Asian Restaurant, Cookout, Eagle Creek Brewery, Southern Growlers, South City Tavern, Buffalo Wild Wings, Wild Wing Cafe, Fuzzy's Taco Shop, El Jalapeno, Groucho's Deli, Big Show's Burgers

This ragtag list is by no means exhaustive but it does show that Statesboro is getting some attention from both large commercial chains like Buffalo Wild Wings and from local entrepreneurs.

So what does this mean? Our humble town is growing, in large part due to the university's growth.

With more people comes more money and with more money comes more businesses.

With all this growth we, the eaters, are gaining more and more power to determine the fate of our town's food scene. Your power flies like a rocket from federal government offices in the form of small, green paper bills.

So flex a little bit. If you don't like the food on the plate in front of you, don't support that restaurant but if you love it, make yourself a regular. And for heaven's sake next time you mumble "I mean, it's good for Statesboro," or "It's not bad for Statesboro," remember that good food should not be exclusive to people who drive Audis and live in Buckhead.

Will Price is a senior multimedia journalism major from Atlanta, Ga. He eats copious amounts of Barbecue and pretty much every other genre of food there is.

Q&A

SENI ALABA-ISAMA

SOUTH & VINE PUBLIC HOUSE, OWNER

What do you think about Statesboro's food scene?

"The food scene in this town for the longest time I felt like there was sort of a lack of quality and imagination as far as what was presented, a lot of sameness going on. It became a source of frustration for myself when I would go out and want to have a decent meal and some good drinks. So I felt like maybe I should throw my hat in the ring and see what I could do."

What do you think Statesboro's food scene is missing?

"Passion. A drive to want to do fun and new things. Pushing the

envelope. There's this sort of rhetoric that you get around town that says 'it's good enough for Statesboro,' or 'it's not bad for Statesboro,' and I reject that entirely. Because we're in Statesboro, Ga., we can't have good, fresh, creative food?"

HEATH ROBINSON

40 EAST GRILL, BIG SHOWS BURGERS, HALL, OWNER

What do you think about Statesboro's food scene?

"I think that it's evolving and progressing. I think that we've got a mix between your chain restaurants and your locally owned, unique places. And I really think the local push over the last couple years has increased a lot. We'll always have places like Buffalo Wild Wings and

other commercial spots but our hometown stuff is growing."

What do you think Statesboro's food scene is missing?

"I think we're missing a downtown district. A district where alcohol and other ordinances that support the downtown area. Take East Main for example, I'd like to see a restaurant or bar every other building with loft apartments on top of them. I think if we had that, Georgia Southern might even provide transportation down here. More of a focus on downtown."

You can like South & Vine Public House, 40 East Grill and Big Shows Burgers on Facebook. You can also

HOW OBSESSED WITH PUMPKIN SPICE LATTES ARE YOU?

BY JEFF LICCIARDELLO

The time is here. Next week, Pumpkin Spice Lattes are coming back to Starbucks. In order to help you prepare and get excited about the return of

everyone's favorite fall drink (because don't lie, we know you love them), I have cultivated the perfect way to diagnose your obsession. You're welcome.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

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- ☐ You feel #blessed because PSLs are coming in early this year.
- ☐ You've consumed more than one Pumpkin Spice Latte in one day.
- ☐ Instead of downing shots of tequila, you would rather take sips of a piping hot PSL.
- ☐ You often refer to it as PSL.
- ☐ While your friends hit the bars, you can be found at Starbucks tearing up a grande PSL and a pumpkin scone.
- ☐ You can't wait to hold a PSL and tell people you "just loveeee fall."
- ☐ Sometimes you feel judged for ordering a PSL but then you remember it's a seasonal drink so you don't care what anyone else thinks.
- ☐ You would sell your soul if it meant you could drink a tall PSL on a brisk, fall morning.
- ☐ You are willing to skip class to get your hands on a PSL.
- ☐ You enjoy Halloween and Thanksgiving but know the real reason for the season is PSLs.
- ☐ You have a fondness for leggings, scarves and large sweaters.
- ☐ You have already foreseen a major meltdown on the day Starbucks stops carrying PSLs.
- ☐ You know that a PSL with a pump of cinnamon dolce is absolute heaven.
- ☐ But you know it's okay because they might have BOGO PSLs like they did last semester and that in and of itself made the sadness worth it.

ANSWERS

IF YOU CHECKED 0-5:

You're one of those Starbucks patrons that rolls their eyes when the person in front of you in line orders a PSL. You don't need to hate us, just drink your grande cup of Pike Place and be sad.

IF YOU CHECKED 6-11:

You've dabbled in the PSL world. You probably down white chocolate mochas like water, so this fall you should sit and get to know the warm spice of the PSL. You might actually fall deeply in love.

IF YOU CHECKED 11-16:

You also know PSL season is the time to take out another loan because your Gold Card is going to be swiped a lot. The Starbucks staff will probably know you by name (assuming they don't already), so at least you'll have something to brag to your friends about.

WHERE TO CATCH A CATNAP AFTER CLASS

BY CONNOR WHITE
THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

You have two papers due next week, "group work" to suffer through, your car sounds like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Chick-fil-a just stopped serving breakfast four minutes ago and it's only week one. You need a place to kick off your shoes and relax, a place to get away from it all.

Here's a helpful and totally serious list of spots on campus that are perfect for procrastination.

◆ **Club Hendy's 4th Floor:** Usually reserved for quiet study, no one will mind if you stretch out between Agriculture and Architecture for a little snooze. Some say the ghosts of students unfamiliar with the Dewey Decimal System still

roam the shelves, looking for that one book they really need for that one term paper.

◆ **Starbucks:** Pick up your favorite Basic Frappacappamochachino and let that stylish coffeehouse ambiance fill you with tranquility. For extra wintertime fun, ask the girls in North Face jackets, Uggs and yoga pants if they live there. They love that!

◆ **Sweetheart Circle:** They say that a three-time trek around the front entrance with your sweetheart guarantees marriage. Among the gorgeous pecans and oaks, you're also guaranteed an up-close-and-personal look at the natural habitat of gnats! All 800 billion of them.

◆ **The Parking Lots:** People watching is the go-to game for those with time to kill, so

what better place to play than on one of GSU's many blissful blacktops? Plus, with all those Salt Life and Browning decals, you're practically one with nature!

◆ **Lake Wells and Lake Ruby:** picturesque spot among the reeds, dotted with friendly waterfowl and biology majors. Both are fond of tasty bread crumbs, so bring enough for everyone!

◆ **Residence Hall Clubhouses:** Hailed as a great place to meet and greet your neighbors, it's a prime locale if you want absolute silence 24 hours a day. Why, you'd think no one used them!

◆ **Chick-fil-a:** Who doesn't enjoy sipping a sweet tea or milkshake? If you've got nowhere else to be for the next 3 hours, why not come down

right at lunchtime?

◆ **The Creative Writing Suite:** Flip through a book or chat under the lamplight in this cozy little hideaway nestled in the Newton Building, famous for its free-spirited thermostats. Dress for extreme temperatures.

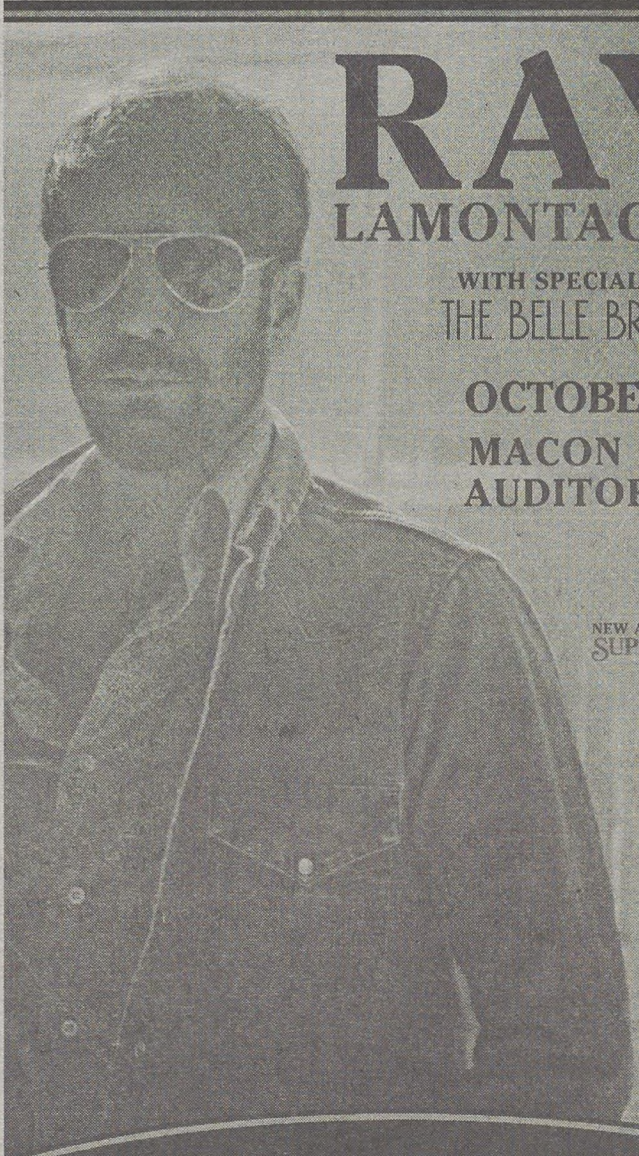
And don't forget about the rest of our beautiful campus! Now that it's tobacco-free,

there's absolutely no chance you'll encounter cigarette butts all over the ground.

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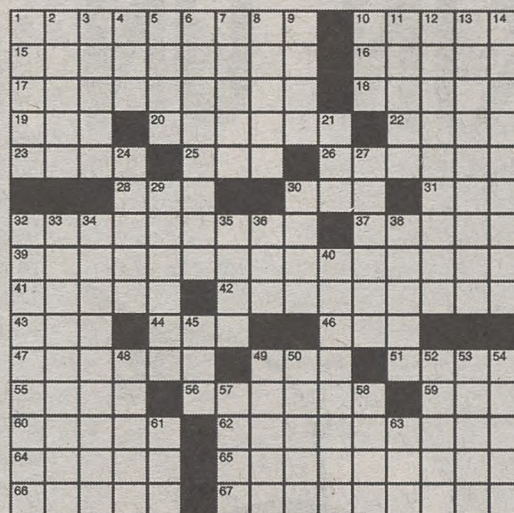
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ACROSS

- 1 Chewed the fat
- 10 Aristophanes satire, with "The"
- 15 Obligatory joke response
- 16 Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
- 17 Pellet shooter
- 18 Informal qualifier
- 19 ER needs
- 20 Bowls, e.g.
- 22 Boglike
- 23 Start to do well?
- 25 Suffix with malt
- 26 One of a fictional trio
- 28 Road Runner, e.g.: Abbr.
- 30 Beantown tower, with "the"
- 31 Fight sound
- 32 Ram
- 37 "La Strada" co-producer
- 39 '60s pro-war words
- 41 Idaho's Coeur d'Alene River
- 42 Northwestern legend
- 43 Divinity sch.
- 44 Follow
- 46 Final: Abbr.
- 47 Common sense
- 49 Pujols' team, on scoreboards
- 51 Holliday companion
- 55 Seconds
- 56 Silicon mineral
- 59 Long, on Lanai
- 60 Hillside entrances
- 62 Convinced of
- 64 Sad
- 65 Bronson film with four sequels
- 66 Spanish heater?
- 67 Illegal heaters?

DOWN

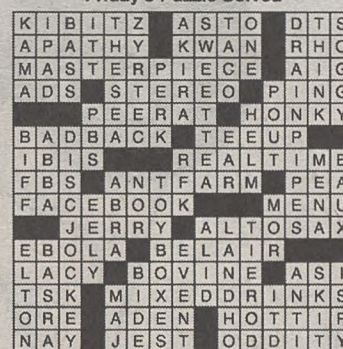
- 1 Beau
- 2 Leek relative
- 3 Game sometimes played near a garage
- 4 Twin Cities airport, on luggage tags
- 5 Milo's pug pal, in a 1989 film



By Alan Olschwang

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Friday's Puzzle Solved



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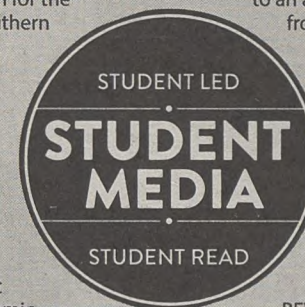
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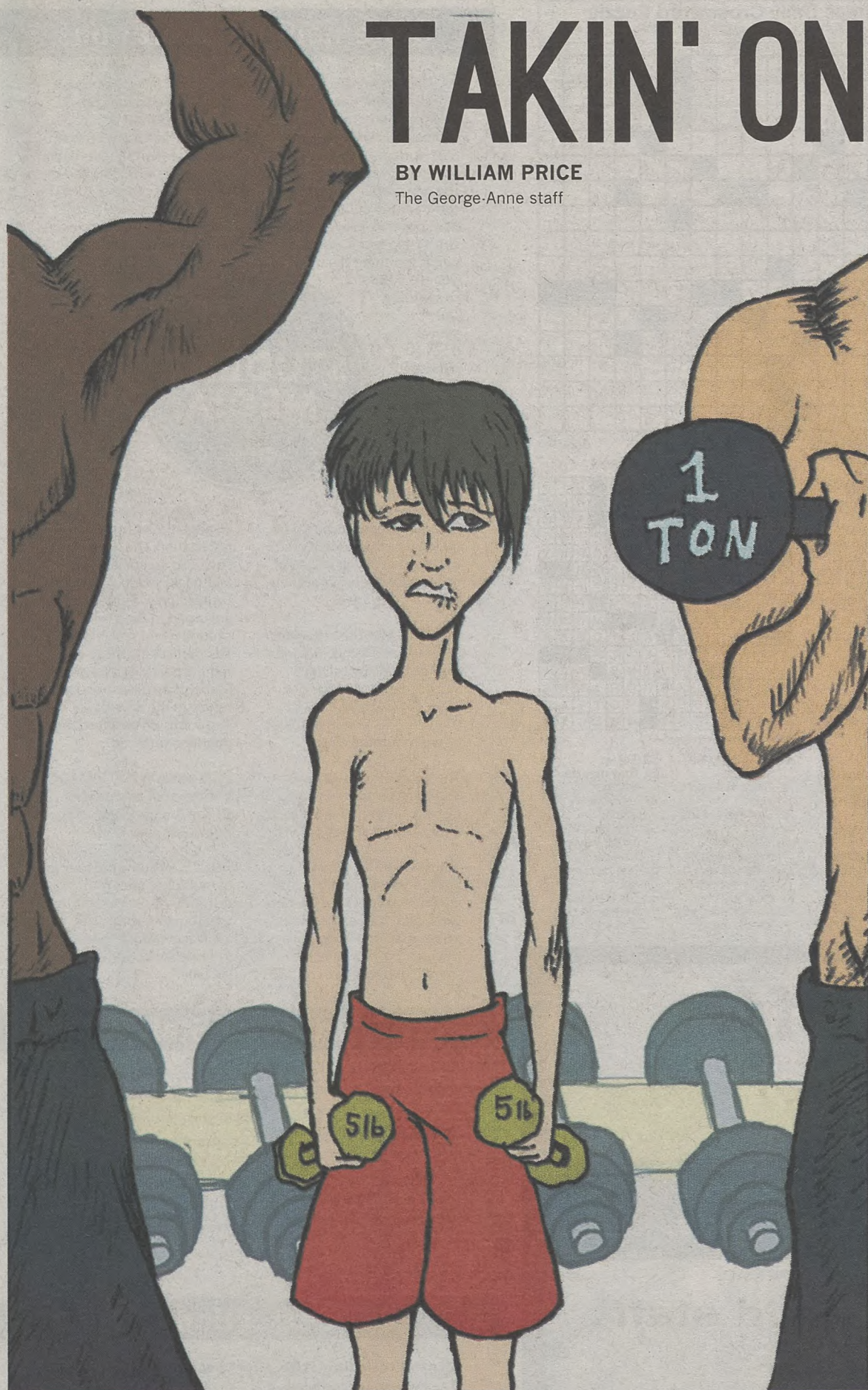


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Why are you sweating already? You haven't even walked inside the building yet. You glance over at the clock on your dashboard and read 9:40 p.m. in bright red letters. You slip the keys out of the ignition and fumble with your duffle bag before you start the trek to the front doors of the one of the largest collegiate exercise facilities on the East Coast. The RAC.

You slide through the front doors and are greeted with a smile from a RAC employee, a herd of absurdly muscular 20-somethings and the chorus of Kanye West's "Mercy." You pass through the gate and make your way toward the weight room and grab a bench. Out of the corner of your eye

you notice Hulk next to you throwing up 375 pounds of metal like it's a pool noodle and you decide that maybe cardio is more your thing anyway.

Then you jog upstairs, jump on a treadmill and set it to speed level three and happen to notice the patron to your left just finished a marathon and is cooling down at speed level eight. You know what? Your back hurts anyways and you take a rain check.

Finally, you slap some water on your face so everybody thinks you went hard in the paint in that spin class and roll out the front door.

Phew. Now that that's over you can go watch "House of Cards" and eat peanut butter and banana sandwiches all night.

TIPS ON HOW TO GET YOURSELF TO WORK OUT

Dr. Janice Steirn has 20 years of experience in the psychology field and has recently turned her research to psychology as it relates to fitness and wellness.

LET'S BE REAL...

"Why do you think other people at the RAC are looking at you? People are there to work on their own bodies. If you go in to the RAC, you'll notice people are looking at themselves in the mirror to check their exercise form and to watch their muscles popping out. So they're not looking at you."

BRO OUT

"Social support is really important when it comes to doing anything you're hesitant to do. So when it comes to a person going to a gym, I would say get a friend to go with you. A friend who won't laugh if you start with five-pound weight."

LIKE CLOCKWORK

"Make and stick to a schedule. Whether that schedule involves the RAC or not, just get yourself into the routine of exercise."

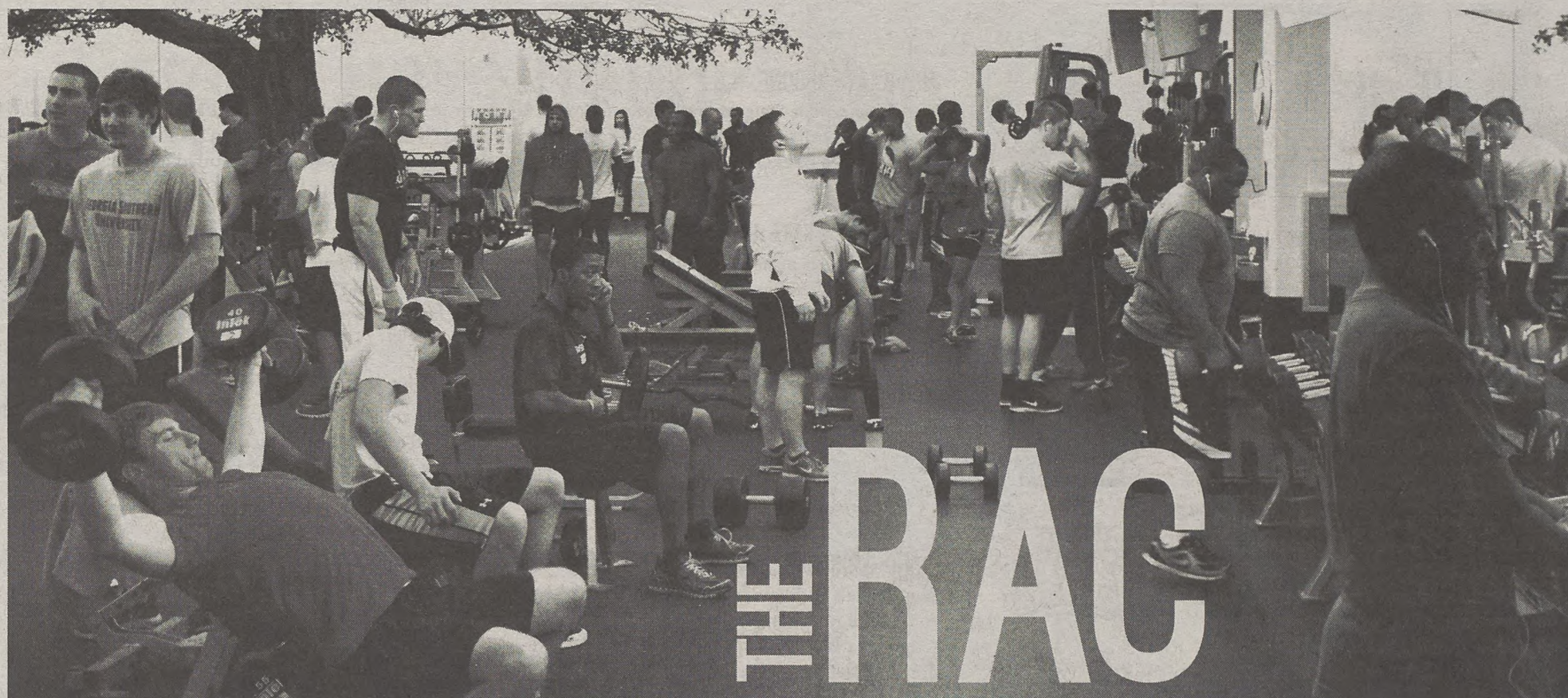
"Go at around the same time whenever you choose to go, you'll get to know some of the staff who are there at that time and you'll get more comfortable asking them questions. You know how you say hello to people all the time but you don't know them? That will give you a sense of having people on your team, a support system."

WALK TALL

"We learned in psychology a long time ago that behavior affects your attitude just as much as attitude affects your behavior. People who show a confident behavior, even if it may not be how they're feeling, will eventually be more confident."

LET IT FLOW THROUGH YOU...

"Anybody who's not afraid of a little embarrassment, there's probably something wrong with them. It should be acceptable to feel a little fear. The problem is allowing that embarrassment to control you."



Since the dawn of time, man has been comparing himself to his fellow man. This principle holds true to this day and you will not find a place more conducive to draw comparisons than a public gym.

Or will you?

Georgia Southern University's Recreation Activity Center, or RAC, draws upwards of 5,500 students per day through its doors. The majority of which, according to Campus Recreation & Intramurals (CRI) staff and students who attend the RAC, could not care less about you or how you look.

"I think if I checked the guy beside me while I was running on the treadmill, I'd fall off," Chris Butler, assistant director of marketing and communications for CRI, said. "I don't think anyone's really watching you, but in your head you might think they are. What happens is the more you work out, the more you realize that nobody has time to watch you exercise."

Although it may seem like the mirrors riddled throughout the RAC are there for your neighbors to spy on you, they serve a much more real function. The mirrors

are where they are for you to check your form in whatever exercise you might be engaging in so you do not hurt yourself.

"When you're working out in a group fitness class, you're surrounded by mirrors and other people and everybody is so concerned that everybody else is watching them. But as an instructor I can tell you nobody is paying attention to anybody else. Everybody is looking at themselves in the mirror," Amanda Kepshire, fitness instructor and CRI graduate assistant, said.

According to Emmy Richards, group fitness program director at the RAC, there are other reasons students may be forgoing exercise at the RAC.

"You know, in grade school we grow up playing sports and we're not necessarily introduced to a gym-type facility until later in our lives, so we don't grow up being conditioned to a recreation center like the RAC," Richards said. "This is also a very critical time in everybody's lives down here. They're in a completely new place with no parents and are trying to find themselves. They have exams and being social and going out but also making good grades and fitness

doesn't always fit into that equation."

Body image is also a key point to mention when discussing reasons why people may or may not participate in RAC activities, Dr. Janice Steirn, associate professor of psychology at GSU, said.

"If the reason a person is embarrassed isn't just general embarrassment, but because they don't feel good about their body, then where the rest of us might think 'if I do this wrong it'll be embarrassing,' they'll be thinking it'll be humiliating. Which is really a much stronger degree of embarrassment, which is a much bigger problem, the fear of humiliation," Steirn said. "If you feel humiliated you won't go to the RAC with a buddy, you won't get a trainer to help you and it will be an issue for you."

As doom and gloom as breaking through the barrier of low self-esteem, serial paranoia and living your life might sound, the CRI and the RAC does most of the dirty work for you. You have every piece of the workout routine puzzle put in neat order for you, from staff prepared to teach you how to do a pushup to a sauna to chill out in, the onus lies on the student to squeeze in that last piece.

HELPFUL RAC RESOURCES

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SUN BELT CONFERENCE



APP STATE (BOONE, N.C.)

The Appalachian State Mountaineers followed Southern to the Sun Belt after the 2013 season, keeping the heated rivalry alive and well. App's football program rivaled Georgia Southern's while in the FCS ranks, winning three national titles. The meeting this season will be a Thursday night home game featured on ESPN U.



ARKANSAS STATE (JONESBORO, ARK.)

The Red Wolves of Arkansas State have sported coaches that have gone on to have success in the Southeastern Conference, including Ole Miss Head Coach Hugh Freeze and Auburn Head Coach Gus Malzahn. The team has also enjoyed recent success, going to three bowl games the last three seasons and winning two.



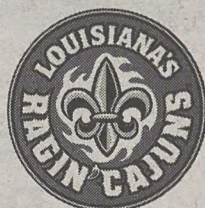
GEORGIA STATE (ATLANTA)

The not-so-secret rivalry between the student bodies of GSU and, well, GSU has another reason to crank up this football season. Georgia State played its first Sun Belt football schedule a year ago and has struggled out of the gate. The young program has only been around since 2009 and won zero games in 2013, its first FBS season. Needless to say, Oct. 25 in the Georgia Dome will be marked on calendars in Statesboro and Atlanta.



IDAHO (MOSCOW, IDAHO)

The Vandals of Idaho certainly will win the award for most traveled Sun Belt team in 2014, with its closest conference opponent residing over 1,400 miles away. The team came to the Sun Belt after experiencing last season as a Division I Independent. Idaho is also a football-only member of the Sun Belt as of 2014, and was a previous member of the Sun Belt from 2001-2004.



UL LAFAYETTE (LAFAYETTE, LA.)

The Ragin' Cajuns were a unanimous pick to take home the Sun Belt title in 2014. The program has racked up 27 wins over the last three seasons while winning three-consecutive bowl games in the process. Lafayette is one of the longest-tenured members of the conference, having joined in 2001.



UL MONROE (MONROE, LA.)

Monroe, also having been a Sun Belt member since 2001, saw its most recent success in 2012 with an eight-win season that included an overtime victory over Arkansas in Fayetteville. The Warhawks also appeared in their first FBS bowl game that season, falling to Ohio in the Independence Bowl.



NEW MEXICO STATE (LAS CRUCES, N.M.)

The Aggies, who have begun a second stint with the Sun Belt, are back in 2014. New Mexico State is 2-0-1 all-time in bowl games, but has not appeared in one since 1960.



SOUTH ALABAMA (MOBILE, ALA.)

South Alabama played its inaugural football season in 2009 and sports an overall record of 31-21 under Head Coach Joey Jones.



TEXAS STATE (SAN MARCOS, TEXAS)

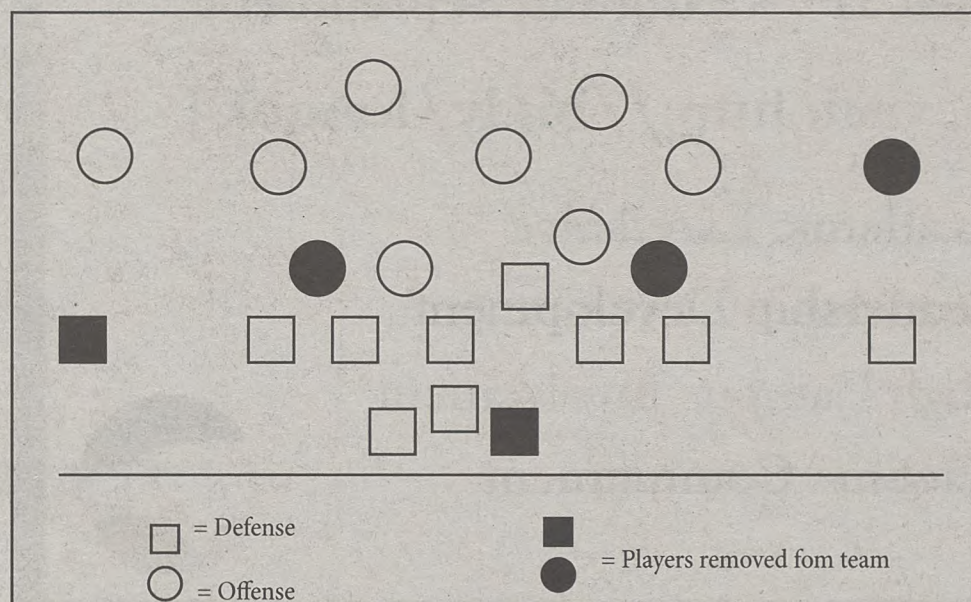
The Bobcats left the Western Athletic Conference after 2012 to join the Sun Belt. Finishing 6-6 last season, the team went through some similar situations that Southern and App State will most likely experience in 2014. Texas State is now one of the largest universities in the state of Texas.



TROY (TROY, ALA.)

Like Texas State, Troy also finished 6-6 in 2013. The Trojans, who have been members in the Sun Belt since 2006, have had several notable players make to the NFL, including Atlanta Falcons DE Osi Umenyiora.

Eagles have holes to fill on both sides



BY HAYDEN BOUDREAUX

The George-Anne staff

The offseason is a trying time for every college program. Between coaching changes, disciplinary issues and academic problems, the Georgia Southern football team will have to rise above offseason troubles to be successful this season.

With at least five players sidelined for the contest next Saturday against North Carolina State, the Eagles had some holes to fill during the summer and fall camp. Neither side of the ball was immune to the offseason woes.

One of the most notable gaps in the offense is former All-American running back Dominic Swope. In 2012, Swope rushed for over 1000 yards for the second season in a row and was named as a second team All-American. He was only able to rush for 174 yards, averaging 5.4 yards a carry before being sidelined for the rest of the season by an injury. While the team filled his spot last season, his presence may have greatly benefited the Eagles.

With the new wide-open system installed by Head Coach Willie Fritz, Eagle senior receiver Kentrellis Showers was expected to play a huge role against the Wolf Pack. Last season, Showers played in all 11 games and managed four catches for 62 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Tay Hicklin may not take the field for the first game. Hicklin played in all 11 contests last season and had 27 total tackles. NC State is expected to settle in the pocket and air the ball out against the Eagles. Hicklin's coverage abilities could have been put to good use against their quick receivers.

Former sophomore defensive Rafael Hardee will not take the field this season. Hardee earned his starting job near midseason in 2013 and played in every game. Additionally, another rising defensive end Devonte Dempsey will not make an appearance.

To date, the team has gone 61 days without an incident. This has left plenty of time for Fritz and his staff to fill these positions and make the proper adjustments. The Eagles' preparedness will be tested on Aug. 30 when they take the field in Raleigh, N.C.

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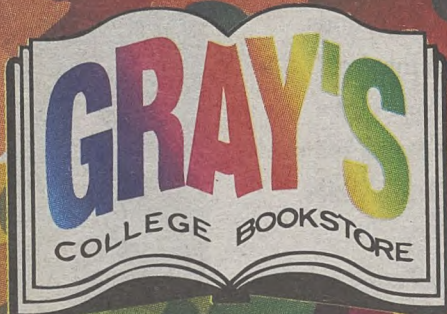


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